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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/576,052	Applicant(s) GLUE ET AL.	
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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 30 June 2009.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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Applicants' Request for Continued Examination (RCE) filed June 30, 2009 under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), is acknowledged and accepted.

Claims 1-8 are pending.

Claims 1-8 remained rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a), as being unpatentable over Doi et al., US 2004/0058914, in the last Office Action. It was asserted Doi teaches the administration of the neurokinin receptor antagonist DNK 333, which is N-[(1R,2E)-1-[(3,4-dichlorophenyl)methyl]-4-[[[(3R)-hexahydro-2-oxo-1H-azepin-3-yl]amino]-4-oxo-2-buten-1-yl]-N-methyl-3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)-benzamide, the compound of instant claim 7, in the treatment of urinary frequency and urinary incontinence. See claims 1, 5 and 6, pages 29-30. In paragraph 393 on page 20, Doi teaches administration of a NK₁-NK₂ dual antagonist, such as DNK 333 alone, or in combination with an anti-cholinergic.

Applicants argue there is no experimental evidence in Doi to support a method of treating urinary incontinence, and the model used in the Doi reference is not a model for urinary incontinence. Further, Applicants cite Green et al., The Journal of Urology, that is directed to the administration of an NK₁ receptor antagonist alone to treat urge urinary incontinence. Applicants characterize Green's experimental results as "inconsistent."

Applicants' arguments have been given careful consideration but are not found persuasive. The rejection of claims 1-8 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Doi et al., US 2004/0058914, is maintained. Methods of treating urinary incontinence comprising administering DNK 333, N-[(1R,2E)-1-[(3,4-dichlorophenyl)methyl]-4-[[[(3R)-hexahydro-2-oxo-1H-azepin-3-yl]amino]-4-oxo-2-buten-1-

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yl]-N-methyl-3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)-benzamide, is clearly contemplated by Doi, as evidenced by the multiple recitations thereto throughout the disclosure, as well as in the claims. See page 29, paragraph [0506].

The Green article describes the administration of the NK₁ receptor antagonist, aprepitant, which is not an NK₁-NK₂ dual antagonist, and not structurally related to the specific antagonist DNK 333. Therefore, the comparison is misplaced and without merit.

A reference may be applied not only for what it teaches by direct anticipation, but also for what one of ordinary skill in the art, at the time of the invention, might reasonably infer from the teachings. See *In re Opprecht*, 12 USPQ 2d, 1235, 1236 (Fed. Cir. 1989) and *In re Bode*, 193 USPQ 12 (CCPA 1976).

Motivation is provided to administer the NK₁-NK₂ dual antagonist DNK 333 to treat urinary incontinence based on the teachings and suggestions of the Doi document.

No claim is allowed.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the Examiner should be directed to Phyllis G. Spivack whose telephone number is 571-272-0585. The Examiner can normally be reached from 10:30 to 7 PM.

If attempts to reach the Examiner by telephone are unsuccessful after one business day, the Examiner's supervisor, Ardin Marschel, can be reached 571-272-0718. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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July 2, 2009

/Phyllis G. Spivack/

Primary Examiner, Art Unit 1614